

# **ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

# Revision of the Aggregated Farm-gate Delivery Reporting Format (Rev. 6-20-12) June 28, 2013

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this document is to analyze the economic impacts of amending Title 23, §597, and the Agricultural Aggregated Farm-gate Delivery Reporting Format for Article 2 (Rev. 6-20-12) that the Department of Water Resources (Department) adopted on July 11, 2012. This report only focuses on the effect of the proposed rule amendment, that is, the change of the reporting format from a June-July fiscal year to a January-December calendar year format.

## **ESTIMATE OF COSTS OR SAVINGS**

This is not a new regulation, and is a non-substantial modification of existing regulation. Only agricultural water suppliers that provide water to more than 2,000 acres of irrigated land are subject to this regulation.

Costs or Savings to Any State Agency:	None
Cost to Any Local Agency or School District that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4, Government Code:	None
Other Nondiscretionary Costs or Savings Imposed on Local Agencies:	None
Costs or Savings in Federal Funding to the State:	None

#### COST IMPACTS ON A REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

There is no anticipated cost to the agricultural water suppliers associated with complying with the regulation amendment.

# **RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

The proposed regulation for Aggregated Farm-gate Delivery Form amends an existing regulation that does not substantially change reporting requirements. Therefore, this amendment will not:

- Eliminate jobs within California;
- Eliminate existing businesses within California;
- Have no effect on jobs or businesses;
- Affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.
- Will not have any effect on the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

#### SIGNIFICANT/STATEWIDE BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION

The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed regulations will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

### REPORTS REQUIRED FROM BUSINESSES

The proposed regulation amendment for Aggregated Farm-gate Delivery Reporting does not apply to private businesses. It will require reporting on water measurement by agricultural water suppliers, most of which are public agencies. This is not a new requirement, and is an existing cost, and there will not be any new additional costs.

## **SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON HOUSING COST: None**

**SMALL BUSINESS DETERMINATION:** The proposed regulation amendment is not likely to affect small businesses. This amendment would not make any specific new requirements to small businesses. This amendment would not change the type or amount of data reporting to the Department by agricultural water districts, most of which are public agencies.